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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: D.T.E. 04-119**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On behalf of Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric Company, New England Power Company, and New England Hydro-Transmission Electric Company, Inc., I am enclosing the response to the Department's Second Set of Information Requests.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Amy G. Rabinowitz

cc: Joseph W. Rogers, Office of the Attorney General

Massachusetts Electric Company  
Nantucket Electric Company  
New England Hydro-Transmission Electric Company, Inc.  
New England Power Company  
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DTE-2-1

Request: Refer to the Company's response to Information Request DTE 1-14 and to Massachusetts Electric Company's 2003 Annual Return to the Department at 123.10. The Annual Return reports that Massachusetts Electric Company is authorized by the Securities and Exchange Commission to issue up to \$275 million of short-term debt, however, the response to Information Request DTE 1-14 reports a short-term debt limit of \$400 million. Please explain the reason for the difference in reported short-term debt limits.

Response: The change in short term debt limit reflects an increase in Massachusetts Electric Company's short term debt authorization as approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission in its Order dated September 30, 2004 (HCAR 35-27898). Please see, in particular, Page 20 of Exhibit RGS-6.

Response submitted by or under the supervision of: Robert G. Seega

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DTE-2-2

Request: Refer to the Company's response to Information Request DTE 1-14 and Nantucket Electric Company's 2003 Annual Return to the Department at 123.10. The Annual Return reports that Nantucket Electric Company is authorized by the Securities and Exchange Commission to issue up to \$6 million of short-term debt, however, the response to Information Request DTE 1-14 reports a short-term debt limit of \$40 million. Please explain the reason for the difference in reported short-term debt limits.

Response: The change in short term debt limit reflects an increase in Nantucket Electric Company's short term debt authorization as approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission in its Order dated September 30, 2004 (HCAR 35-27898). Please see, in particular, Page 20 of Exhibit RGS-6.

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